

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-75 (Cancelled).

Claim 76 (New): A method of mailing parcels and envelopes using an automated shipping machine, comprising the steps of:

receiving payment information from a customer;

receiving package type information including the dimensions of a parcel or envelope to be mailed;

weighing said parcel or envelope to be mailed;

receiving shipping information from said customer including at least a destination of said parcel or envelope to be mailed;

computing from said package type information, shipping information, and weight information, a delivery date and cost for delivery of said parcel or envelope to said destination via at least two delivery service options available to said customer;

receiving an indication of the delivery service option desired by the customer;

printing a tracking bar code label identifying at least said destination; and

printing a shipping receipt for an amount including at least the cost of delivering said parcel or envelope to said destination via the delivery service chosen by said customer.

Claim 77 (New): An automated shipping machine for use in mailing parcels and envelopes, comprising:

means for receiving payment information from a customer;

a scale for weighing a parcel or envelope to be mailed;

a processor which receives package type information including the dimensions of said parcel or envelope to be mailed, shipping information from said customer including at least a destination of said parcel or envelope to be mailed, computes from said package type information, shipping information, and weight information from said scale, a delivery date and cost for delivery of said parcel or envelope to said destination via at least two delivery service options available to said customer, and receives an indication of the delivery service option desired by the customer;

a printer responsive to said processor so as to print a tracking bar code label identifying at least said destination and to print a shipping receipt for an amount including at least the cost of delivering said parcel or envelope to said destination via the delivery service chosen by said customer.

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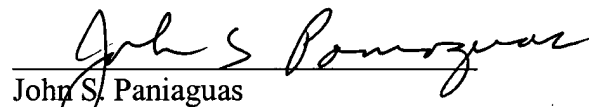
Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 76 and 77 are pending.

Early consideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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